

PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: **Fasteners with Ergonomic Removal to Insertion Force Ratio**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir or Madame:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 4, 2007 “office action”, Applicants submit the following response. No amendments are made. Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

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